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SUBJECT: CROATIAN EMIGRE EXTREMISTS INVOLVED IN HIJACKING
AND TERRORISM

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1. DINKO SAKIC- BILANOVIC IS KNOWN IN SPAIN AS A LEADER
OF A HERZEGOVINIAN CROATIAN EMIGRE GROUP WHICH IS CENTERED
IN THE PROVINCE OF VALENCIA. SAKIC AND HIS SUPPORTERS
NOW USE THE NAME " CROATIAN LIBERATION ARMY" IN THEIR
PROPAGANDA ALTHOUGH IN THE PAST THE GROUP REFERRED TO
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ITSELF AS THE " CROATIAN NATIONAL RESISTANCE." ACCORDING
LEGATT SOURCE, DINKO SAKIC IS MARRIED TO SISTER OF
ASSASSINATED GENERAL LUBURIC AND CAME TO SPAIN IN 1969
IN ORDER TO TAKE OVER WORK OF CROATIAN NATIONAL
RESISTANCE ORGANIZATION. EMBASSY HAS NO VISA RECORD
OF HIM.

2. SUGGEST THAT DEPT CONSULT CIA AND FBI FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON SAKIC.

3. THE DEFENSE LAWYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE PREPARATION
OF THE TRIAL OF THE THREE CROATIAN HIJACKERS HAVE OPPOSED
NOT ONLY THEIR EXTRADITION BUT ALSO THAT OF THE SIX COM-
PATRIOTS WHOM THEY " LIBERATED" IN SWEDEN. THE PROSECUTION,
IN PROVISIONAL CONCLUSIONS IN THE PREPARATORY PHASE OF THE
TRIAL, HAS ASKED FOR THE EXTRADITION OF THE SIX BUT NOT
OF THE THREE. AS NOTED IN MADRID 4614 OF OCT 10, 1972,
GOS POSITION IS THAT DISPOSITION OF CASE WILL BE MADE
STRICTLY ON LEGAL GROUNDS. ACCORDING TO A NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT
OF MID- MAY, THE TRIAL IS PROBABLY TO BE HELD IN ABOUT THREE
MONTHS IN MADRID BEFORE A CIVIL COURT. HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY
UNDERSTANDS THAT A MORE LIKELY TIME FOR THE TRIAL IS MID-
SEPTEMBER AT THE EARLIEST AND THAT THREE OF THOSE CROATIANS
FOR WHOM THE PROSECUTION INTENDS TO SEEK EXTRADITION WILL
ALREADY HAVE SPENT IN MADRID' S CARABANCHEL PRISON THE AMOUNT
OF TIME WHICH REMAINED ON THEIR LIGHT SWEDISH SENTENCES
WHEN THE HIJACKING OPERATION FREED THEM. HENCE, THERE IS
ANTICIPATION AMONG CROATIANS IN MADRID WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE
OF THE CASE THAT ONLY THREE OF THE NINE INDIVIDUALS MAY
ACTUALLY BE EXTRADITED AFTER THE FORTHCOMING TRIAL.
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